

there is the man who reseats chairs, the man who polishes up metal signs, the wandering plumber who repairs leaks at non-union rates, and the woman who is introducing preparations for the complexion. The latter takes the "lady of the house" into the kitchen, induces her to steam her face over a pan of hot water and then applies various creams, powders and perfumes. When the lady of the house has been done up in white enamel and is afraid to smile for fear she will break her face, the agent departs leaving the house strewn with advertising matter.

But of all the queer ways of making a living two boys on Fifth avenue had the queerest. It was so queer that it smacked of swindling.

A well-dressed little man at the Randolph street corner stopped for a moment to allow a car to pass. While he was standing there a boy edged up behind him and hooked to his coat tail a card on which was printed in black letters:

SOLD.

As the man went across the street several persons saw it and turned to laugh at him. The second boy was waiting across the street. He ran up to the man and said: "Mister there's a card hooked to your coat behind. Let me take it off."

"Goodness me!" said the little man, "how did that get there?"

"One of them tough lads put it on, I guess."

"Confound them! Well, here boy, here's a dime for you."

"Thanks, mister."

Two minutes latter the good little boy hung in on a fat man and his partner on the other side of the street intercepted the fat man and collected a nickel. He had to ask for it, but he got it.

A man would be a brute to refuse a nickel to a poor boy who has done him a great service.—Chicago News.

With the Naval Reserve.

"When we are off on the ship for practice during the summer," said my friend, "we get lots of fun out of life. While on watch we go around amongst the sailors and get acquainted and talk of matters nautical."

"One day, just after we had taken on board the members of the New York reserve, I asked one of the old tars how he liked our new friends."

"Don't like 'em at all," he said. "They won't talk with you nor do anything but go around with their heads up, as if they bossed the whole affair. But now with you Boston-fellers it's different. We like you first-rate; you aren't so stuck up."

"I'll tell you just how it is," he added, confidentially. "Them New Yorkers is gentlemen!"—Harper's Magazine.

"Why," asked the boarder at the head of the table, "are ham and eggs always associated together?" "That," remarked the waiter, "is just what the Detroit Tri-

TEA-HOUSES IN CHINA.

They Take the Place of the Club-Room of the West.

The restaurant or tea-house in China takes the place of the western club-room, write Messrs. Allen and Sachtleben in the September Century, describing their bicycle tour in Asia. All the current news and gossip is here circulated and discussed over their eating and gambling. One of their games of chance, which we have frequently noticed, seems to consist in throwing their fingers at one another, and shouting at the top of their voices. It is really a matching of numbers, for which the Chinamen make signs on their fingers, up to the numeral ten.

The Chinese of all nations seem to live in order to eat, and from this race of epicures has developed a nation of excellent cooks. Our fare in China, outside the Gobi district, was far better than in Turkey or Persia, and, for this reason, we are better able to endure the increased hardships. A plate of sliced meat stewed with vegetables, and served with a piquant sauce, sliced radishes and onions with vinegar, two loaves of Chinese mo-mo, or steamed bread, and a pot of tea, would usually cost us about three and a quarter cents apiece. Everything in China is sliced so that it can be eaten with the chopsticks. These we at length learned to manipulate with sufficient dexterity to pick up a dove's egg—the highest attainment in the chop-stick art. The Chinese have rather a sour than a sweet tooth. Sugar is rarely used in anything, and never in tea. The steeped tea-flowers, which the higher classes use, are really more tasty without it.

PERIER AT SCHOOL.

How the New President of France Once "Flunked."

Once, during the school days of the new president of the French republic, his professor in geography asked him: "Perier, give us the exact position and indicate the latitude of the Gambier group." Casimir-Perier crossed his arms tightly upon his chest, looking very perplexed. One of his neighbors whispered to him a wrong answer, whereupon the professor gave him the exact position of this little group, which belongs to the more important French establishment of Tahiti, and, after a short pause, and with a little point of irony, said: "You ought to know that, Perier, because it is thanks to your grandfather that France acquired the ascendancy in these parts of the world; it was through his efforts and entreaties that the dusky queen of these islands was induced to come to France; and the men of my generation still remember the comical songs which celebrated the event." Perier blushed considerably; but, holding his head still higher, answer the professor with his quick and peculiar diction: "I will most certainly go over this lesson again and try to be more proficient at the next lecture; but, so far as the deeds of my grandfather go, they are so numerous that I am not old enough yet to know them all."

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